

GOT THE KEYS AND MOVED IN

Squatters Take Possession of a House
Without Consent.

DRIVER KEPT BOWL AND PITCHER

When His Money Didn't Come, and
the Pledge Was Soon Redeemed,
Two Efforts Required to Get
Them Out of the House.

Squatters are popularly supposed to be indigent to the great and blowing West, but Mr. Douglas E. Taylor, of H. Seldon Taylor & Son, a well-known real estate firm of Richmond, had an amusing, and at the same time a provoking experience with some of the clan a few days ago. A house on north Fifth street was put into the firm's hands to rent. A day or two ago the owner was in the vicinity and saw some household effects taken from a house, loaded on a wagon and carried away. After a short time the wagon was seen coming from an opposite direction and the stuff was carried into the house that was for rent. The wagon had been driven around the block. Perhaps the reason it was done was because the horse needed exercise, but the owner understood it as an attempt to get possession of the house. Mr. Taylor, telling him of the peculiar movements of the new tenants.

HAD SQUATTED.
Mr. Taylor was greatly surprised and said that the property had not been rented. He said, however, that a woman had borrowed the keys to look at the rooms a few hours before that, and had not returned. Investigation showed that as soon as the keys had been secured Mrs. Squatter had proceeded to move in with her family—three grown men.

Mr. Taylor was on hand just as the householding was about completed. He gave peremptory orders to the woman to move. She protested that she had no money to pay the renter to move her. The matter was arranged and she sighed very meekly and agreed to "quit the game."

Mr. Taylor had hardly gotten around the corner when the woman and her family and the driver were dismissed. Mrs. Squatter saying she believed she would stay.

The driver had not been paid for the first hauling and being a wise man in his day and generation he had held on to a bow and pitcher to secure fifty cents due him. He showed wisdom in his action. Some people might have kept something of far less importance. But the Squatter family couldn't get along without that bowl and pitcher. The driver was seen negotiating and the unwilling pledge redempted.

MADE HERSELF AT HOME.

Mrs. Squatter thought her troubles were over and went to work to fix up. "Fine Sweet Home" and "sweet home" were the words she used in her new abode. The walls, but peace did not hover long over the Squatter household. Mr. Taylor was notified and was on hand again in a short time with a clerk, and renewed his marching orders. Mr. Squatter got meek again after he arrived, but said she couldn't move because she didn't know where to go. Another wagon was secured and a bargain made. The same driver was secured again but he demanded 75 cents this time.

"Why, the last time you only charged fifty," he was told.

DUNNO WHAT SHE'S GIVING.

"Yes, boss," was the reply, "that a dunno what she's doing." Mr. Taylor's clerk stayed until the last dishpan had been put on the wagon and the keys were in hand.

Mrs. Squatter went back to the house which she had moved and is still there.

S. W. STATE HOSPITAL.

The Superintendent Submits His Annual Report.

Dr. Robert J. Preston, superintendent of the State Hospital at Marion has issued his annual report. The report shows that on the first of October, 1898, there were 161 male and 294 female patients, making a total of 455. During the year ending October 1, 1899, 122 patients were admitted—62 males and 60 females. The total number under treatment during the year was 48—23 males and 25 females. The daily average in the hospital was 289.

Since the hospital was opened, May 1, 1897, 1,644 patients have been admitted, 1,039 have been discharged, 139 have died and 356 are in the institution now.

During last year 15 patients were discharged—38 males and 17 females. Of this number 20 were discharged as recovered and 15 as improved. The percentage of discharges during the year was 17.3 on the whole number treated, or 9.6 of the number admitted.

During the year there were 23 applications for admission, 12 were admitted, some went to other hospitals, some died in jail, some at their homes. Some still await admission.

The three State Hospitals for whites during the year received 361 patients—4 more than last year. There are known to be 125 white insane outside the hospital now.

Five nurses graduated from the training school during the year.

There was a deficit during the year of \$2,700, of which was brought over from last year. This year's deficit was only \$93.50. The appropriation for this year was \$40,000, of which sum \$5,000 was required to be expended in building. The entire receipts were \$37,299. The per capita cost of maintaining the patients was \$12.69.

THE TRAVELLING MEN.

An Interesting Summary of What They are Doing.

The Pennsylvania Division T. P. A. are endeavoring to have a big time on the T. P. A. day at Philadelphia at the Export Exposition during the coming week, and are anxious that all the divisions throughout the United States join them in making it a success.

The Louisville, Ky. Post has invited the national officers and other workers of the Travelers' Protective Association to take part in the exercises on the day set apart by the Louisville Fair committee for the T. P. A. Members of the Richmond Post have just received letters of invitation stating that October 18th is the day, and are anxious that many of the boys shall attend.

Col. John A. Howard has a special invitation from Chairman Sam Jones, who is one of the National T. P. A. directors, requesting him to be present and wishing that he would bring others. Mr. Jones promises a fine time for those who will be present, and as those who attended the National Convention in May at Louisville know what the citizens of that place can do to make one have a good time, it will be a treat for all who can to accept the kind invitation of the noted T. P. A. Sam Jones.

President Saunders writes that his business keeps him away from the city, but urges all the boys to keep the membership roll on the increase, and in response to his orders many of the boys are obedient.

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A Home Treatment for
Eruptions, Ulcers,
Eczema, Scrofula,
Rheumatism, Can-
cers, Blood Im-
purities.

If you have tried sarsaparilla, patent medicines, and doctored, and still have old, persistent sores, pimples, distressing eruptions of the skin, painful sores on the hands, arms or legs, itching sensation, irritating skin troubles, eczema, scales, scabs, scrofula, ulcers, contagious blood poison, fever sores, rheumatism, catarrhs, boils, face covered with little sores, cancer or any blood taint, then give B. B. B. a trial, because B. B. B.—Botanic Blood Balm—is made for just such cases, and it cures, it stays cured, those stubborn, persistent, deep-seated blood diseases that other milder medicines fail even to benefit. All above named troubles are evidence of bad, diseased blood in the body, and Botanic Blood Balm cures because it drains all the poison or impurity or blood humors out of the body, bones and entire system, and in this way a permanent cure is made.



This picture (from a photo) represents one effect of impure blood in eruptions and eczema on the face. This case was completely cured and every sore healed by the use of B. B. B., which acted directly on the blood. The child of J. I. Humphreys, of Conoverville, Tenn., is now perfectly free from eruptions, and blood is pure and rich, all due to B. B. B. We have over a thousand testimonials of positive cures, hence we have absolute confidence in our grand remedy, and for this reason we will send you a bottle of B. B. B. absolutely free, so you may test the remedy at our expense, before parting with your money. Blood Balm has been thoroughly tested for past thirty years, and is perfectly safe to take by old or young. Ask your druggist about Blood Balm.

If you are satisfied that Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is what you need you will find large bottles for sale by all druggists for B. B. B. bottles (full treatment) 25¢. For sample bottle address: Blood Balm Co., 106 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga., and trial bottle and medical book will be sent, all charges prepaid. Describe your trouble and we will include free medical advice.

dent, judging from the applications received by the secretary.

Many of the boys have received during the past few weeks their money due for accident claims, and no doubt encourages them to get others to join.

Mr. Jeff King has just returned from Washington, whither he went in the interest of his book he recently published. He is encouraged with responses to his letters from all over the country asking for copies.

Rooms of the headquarters were made lively during the past week by tournament games of pool and billiards played by several of the crack players belonging to Post A.

A neat and unique atlas containing maps of all sections of the world, has just been received at the T. P. A. headquarters, and is filled with information. Those interested in reading about the wars in the Transvaal and Philippine Islands will enjoy seeing this book.

News comes to us that all the Knights of the Grip, who are now on the road making their filling-in trips, are having a good trade.

Mr. Jno. R. Culpeper leaves for Norfolk and Newport News in a few days, for a business trip.

Next Saturday night is the regular meeting night. At that meeting the members will appoint a day when they can have one of the expert speakers to preach to them. The drummer, like good preaching, and they expect to have a fine sermon in the near future.

The Exposition Committee is still working, and will soon report progress.

Though nothing special has been done by the T. P. A. for the coming year, yet many have been taking individual action, and are talking and working for its success. They are all urging efforts for the advancement of the city's commercial welfare.

The members of Post A. will be pleased to learn that their former popular secretary Mr. Burrell H. Marsh, of North Carolina, is to be married Tuesday, October 24th, at half past 10 o'clock, at the Moravian church, Kernersville, N. C., to Miss Meta Mathews Kermer, a charming young lady of Kernersville, N. C. The popularity of Mr. Marsh assures the well wishes from his many friends.

Yvonne People Gather.
At the meeting of the Collision Club of the Misses Edwidge Thursday night the following people were present:

Misses Casey Seldon, Maria De Stuhl, Ruby and Mary Dart, Marks, Elliott, Gold, Owen, Slaughter, Ida Miller, Helen Fitzwillson, Crump, Crowder, Beatty, Haskell, Walton and Southern.

Geoffrey-Meers, Pentek, Quisenberry, Christian, Walton, Montague, West, Rodgers, Baker, Thompson, Lyndes, Geo. Christian, Pulliam, Peaco, Gerling, Kain, Bliss, Duval, Tresner, Blunt, Sharp, Fitzwillson, Patch, Williams, Bowman, Bedy and others.

Oppose Pardon of Lynchers.
The lynching of Lee Puckett, a half-witted young white man, in Patrick county some time ago, has been recalled by a communication received at the Governor's office. A number of Patrick citizens unite in requesting the Governor to pay attention to any plea that might hereafter be made in behalf of the convicted lynchers, who are now serving terms in the penitentiary. It seems that an effort is being made in Patrick to secure signatures to a paper asking the Governor to pardon the men.

Richmond Graves.
At a meeting of the Richmond Graves, held Friday night, Captain C. A. Crawford read a circular urging all members to rally in the support of the company. Officers will be elected later on.

FIRE UNDER THE BRISTOL FURNACE

A Lack of Hands Prevents Its Going
Into Blast.

THE SMALLPOX CLOGS BUSINESS

A Number of Towns Quarantine
Against Bristol—The Situation is
Improving—Only One of All the
Cases Had Been Vaccinated.

BRISTOL, VA., Oct. 14.—Special.—Fire has been kindled in the Bristol iron furnace, now property of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, and the same is ready to go in blast as soon as a sufficient number of laborers can be secured. The existence of smallpox here has caused a scarcity of laborers, and work has been retarded in various lines. The situation is improving at this time, and it is hoped that business can proceed at an early date. As it is various towns in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia have quarantined against Bristol.

Smallpox has caused no special alarm here, but the fact that it has developed has caused people to stay out of town for the time being, thus creating a noticeable lull in trade.

VACCINATION.
There are in all about thirty cases reported. These are all now in the pest-houses of the two Bristol, while all suspects have been vaccinated and are under guard. Dr. J. H. Edwards, who has charge of the cases, states that only one of the entire number of patients had been vaccinated.

The Bristol Exchange Bank and Trust Company is a new financial institution organized here with a paid-in capital of \$200,000. The bank is located at the corner of Main and Exchange streets, and is under the management of Frank P. Harmon, of Glenvar, Va., president; Maj. A. D. Reynolds, vice-president; and A. P. Moore, cashier.

This institution has absorbed the business of the Merchants' Exchange Bank and has purchased the elegant brick and brown-stone building in which the Merchants' Exchange Bank did business.

LONG-PAIR.
A beautiful home wedding took place at No. 15 King street Wednesday night. The contracting parties were Mr. James B. Long, a popular young man and a keeper, and Miss Juanita Fair, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fair, of D. Vance and Sons, of the office of minister. The parlor and dining hall were elaborately decorated. An elegant supper was served.

SHAFER TO HOLD ON.
His Retirement Will Not Affect His Status With Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The coming retirement on Monday next of General Shafter at San Francisco, will not affect that officer's rank in the volunteer establishment, nor cause any change in his present command. As the case stands, General Shafter is a brigadier in the regular army and a major-general of volunteers. War Department does not believe it expedient to relieve him of his command at the present time, and in place in charge there some other officer whose grade of the many details connected with the return of the volunteers from the Philippines and the forwarding of the new regiments would be less complete than that of General Shafter.

The precedent for retaining General Shafter in his volunteer command, was established in the case of General Graham at Camp Meade last year.

The retirement of General Shafter will make room for the promotion of either Lawton or General MacArthur to the rank of brigadier-general in the regular army. Both of these officers now hold the rank of colonel.

In connection with these retirements and promotions, it is understood that five colonels of the line who will soon retire for age, are to be successively promoted to the rank of general officers before their retirement. They are Colonel Royal T. Frank, First Artillery; Colonel Samuel Overhine, Twenty-third Infantry; Colonel Alex. C. M. Pennington, Second Artillery; Colonel Louis H. Carpenter, Fifth Cavalry, and Colonel Daniel W. Burke, Seventeenth Infantry.

PIANO AND VIOLIN.
A Delightful Recital to be Given at the Jefferson.

Miss Florence Dillard and Miss Ida Morton will give a piano and violin recital at the Jefferson, Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss Morton is an accomplished pianist, a pupil of Prof. Martin Krause, of Leipzig, Germany, and her first appearance will be eagerly looked forward to by the pianists of this city.

Miss Dillard has appeared a number of times before Richmond audiences, and as a violinist has gained recognition in New York musical circles. Her work abroad under Hair and Tsaye has placed her on a level with the most accomplished violinists of the country.

The following ladies take the patronesses: Mrs. T. P. Jefferson, L. L. Lewis, Christopher Tompkins, M. C. Patterson, E. C. Minor, J. A. Hodges, W. D. Thomas, J. Scott Parrish, G. W. Stevens, J. B. Pace, J. A. Cope, W. J. Walker, Charles Davenport, George Ben Johnston, C. W. P. Brock, Frederick Hahn, T. William Pemberton, E. D. Hordshill, and J. W. Harrison. This recital will be the first of a series to be given during the winter.

Colonel J. B. Purcell Thanked.
At a meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association at Niagara Falls, New York, last week, Colonel J. B. Purcell, of Richmond, was given a rising vote of thanks for his services during the past year.

Colonel Purcell is a prominent member of the Association and has done much good work for his society.

A Small Blaze.
The one-story frame building at 801 West Grace street, owned by J. B. Brooks, and used as a stable and feed-room, was damaged to the extent of \$100 by a fire which broke out shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Steamers 5 and 6 and Truck No. 3 responded. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

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MILLER & RHOADS

Extraordinary Special Sale of New Tailor-Made Suits, Skirts, Waists, and Golf Capes, Beginning To-Morrow, Monday, October 16th.

A GREAT GOOD FORTUNE IN WHICH YOU MAY SHARE.

We anticipated the sharp advance in prices in Tailored Suits and bought largely, and now just in the height of the season when most dealers are compelled to ask big prices we are prepared to offer a fine and large collection of Suits and Wraps at very low prices. Our garments are well and practically made, of the very newest patterns and stylish cloths.

These few items are merely hints: come and see the full range.

New Suits.	New Suits.	New Suits.	New Suits.
Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits of high-grade imported Venetians, in all shades, perfectly fitted, jacket front, with French dip and very short back, plain three-piece skirts, near silk lined, jackets lined with high-grade satin. Rhadame. Price \$25	High-Grade Coverts, in Cadet and Mode, jackets fly front, cut very short, habit-back skirts, fastening at side, silk lined. Price \$25	Ladies' Combination Suits in Rough Material, paid skirts, jackets of solid colors, with plaid collar and revers, jackets fly fronts, silk serge lined, skirts habit back, combinations in all shades. Price \$18	Highest Grade Imported Broadcloth, in fancy tailored costumes, light-fitting jackets, extra habit back, fancy strap trimmings of cloth, silk lined. Price \$45
A full line of Suits in Homespun and Cheviots, double-breasted and box coats, postilion backs, plain skirts, one-piece back, perfect fitting. Rhadame. Price \$15	A complete line of Suits in Doe Skins, in Oxford and Light Gray, jackets tight and half-tight fitting, silk serge lined, plain skirts, one-piece back, skirts lined with best quality percale, finished with wide velvet binding. Out \$10.50	Fine Quality Homespun, in Blue, light-fitting jackets, plain skirt, slight flare, with pointed overcoat, suit stylishly trimmed with Black. Price \$17.50	Combination Suits of Covert Cloth, with plaid trimmings, tight-fitting and double-breasted jackets, silk serge lined, solid color jackets, with plaid collar and revers, plaid skirts, with solid-color unique effects. Latest novelty in our Suit department. Price \$28
Gray Homespun Tight-Fitting Jacket, silk serge lined, small front pocket, 2-piece, with a regular \$15 value, for \$13.50	Costumes of Tan and Gray Knickerbocker, tight-fitting jackets, silk lined, scalloped revers, plain three-piece skirts, near silk lined, every garment shows careful tailoring and possesses a style that is unsurpassed. \$22.50	Special lot of Homespun, navy pompadour serges, mixed covers, black chevrons and other styles of cloths to select from, made in tight-fitting and fly-front jackets, regular \$12.50 value, for \$10.00	

NEW FALL DRESS GOODS AND SILKS.

We will make some very superior offerings this week. This department has been very active and our claim of unexcelled values is fully supported by a volume of business which overshadows any former two seasons.

New Black Goods, New Colors in Plain Plaid and Fancy Effects, and New Silks Will Grace Our Counters.

Colored Dress Goods.	New Wool Plaids.	Silks.	Black Dress Goods.
Two-Tone Whipcords, 46 inches wide, extra heavy weight, a regular \$12.50 value, at per yard \$1.00	36 and 38 inches wide, suitable for separate skirts and waists, at per yard 50¢	Black Peau de Soie, Satin Duchess, Tulle, Armures and Grosgrains, in excellent values at per yard \$1.00	Silk and Wool Crepons, in beautiful designs, at per yard \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00
Novelty Suitings, in Purple and Black and Turquoise and Black, very handsome designs, at per yard \$2.00	Rough Plaids, 36 inches wide, in the different color combinations, at per yard 29¢	Black Taffeta, 21 inches wide, good heavy weight, yet very soft at per yard 59¢	In Smooth and Blister Effects, at per yard \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Colored Crepons, in Green and Black and Brown and Black, very handsome and rich, at per yard \$1.50	All-Wool Trites, 22 inches wide, in Cadet, National, Navy, Cardinal, Wood Brown, Seal Brown, Myrtle, Aubergine, Purple, Tan, Gray and Garnet, at per yard 25¢	Self Colored Corded Poplins, in Gray, Black, Heliochrome and Blue, at per yard 75¢	Black Vicuna Cloth, 50 inches wide, good heavy weight, rich and lustrous, excellent for tailor-made suits, at per yard \$1.00
Plain Novelties, in Rough Effects, beautiful color combinations, at per yard \$1.50	Novelty Mixed Suitings, 22 inches wide, in ten different combinations and a regular 25¢ value, at per yard 19¢	Colored Taffetas, 19 inches wide, excellent quality, a regular \$2.00 grade, at per yard 79¢	Black Crepe Cloth, 42 inches wide, all-worsted, a regular \$1.00 value, at per yard 85¢

Special Mention.

The following departments have special new things to offer you this week—cold type would not do justice to the pretty styles. You must come in and see them.

Fancy Ribbons.	Dress Trimmings.	Fancy Goods.	Kid Gloves.	Art Department.
(For Neckwear, Belts, Hat Trimmings, Etc.)	(Jet and Steel Spangled, Fringes, Guimps, Etc.)	(New Handkerchiefs, Collars, Buckles, Etc.)	(Black, White, Pearl, Tan, Mode, Red, Brown, Etc.)	(Great Exhibit of Mexican Drawn Work.)

Special Sale of Household Linens.

Special prices for flaxen items that should gratify and rivet the attention of all who may be planning to replenish depleted linen closets. We could print a hundred times as much and not exhaust the economies.

Linen Crash, 18 inches wide, for 5¢	Glass Crash, 16 inches wide, for 6 1/2¢	12-inch Crown Crash, all linen, for 8 1/2¢	12 1/2-inch Huck Towels, special, for 10¢	15¢ and 16¢ Huck Towels, special, for 12 1/2¢	Dinner Napkins, all linen, worth 80¢, special, for 40¢
15¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	16¢ Twilled Pillow-Cases, 42x38, for 12 1/2¢	17¢ Heavy Boaster Cases, 42x38, for 12 1/2¢	18¢ Single-Bed Sheet, 63x90, for 35¢	19¢ Medium-Sized Sheet, 72x90, for 35¢	20¢ Cream Damask, 64 inches wide, worth 50¢, special, for 50¢
21¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	22¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	23¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	24¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	25¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢	26¢ Pillow-Cases, 45x38, for 10¢

"The Always-Busy Store." Miller & Rhoads. "The Always-Busy Store."

DOWN IN FULTON.

A Rally at Denny-Street Church—Personal Mention.

Rally Day exercises will be held at 9:30 o'clock this morning at Denny-Street Methodist church. An attractive programme will be rendered.

At 11 A. M. Rev. Asa Driscoll, of Gloucester Point, will preach, and at 7:15 Rev. R. T. Wilson, presiding elder of the Richmond District, will preach, Revival services are growing in interest. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Routten, who has been quite unwell, is now himself again, and is preaching with great power and effect. He has been assisted during the week by Rev. Dr. Gayle, of Laurel-Street Methodist church.

Rev. B. Cabell Henning, who has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold, is better and out again. He will fill his pulpit at the Fulton Baptist church, at both services. At 11 A. M. his subject will be "Taking Away the Cross," and at 4:15 P. M., "An Astonishing Situation."

Superintendent J. W. Reams, of the Richmond Cedar Works, is visiting in Nelson county.

William Watson, mate of the tug Thomas Cunningham, Sr., is at his home, on Lester street, suffering from a strained knee.

Miss Annie Timberlake and a party of friends of Chestnut Hill, returned last week from Washington, Baltimore and other Northern cities.

Mr. Eddie Beamon, assistant chief engineer of the steam tug Lucille Ross, was operated on at the Virginia Hospital two weeks ago for appendicitis, has so far recovered, and will return to his home in Gates county, N. C., next Tuesday.

Mr. E. M. Jackson, with his family, will leave this week for his old home, in Maryland, at head of Chesapeake bay. They expect to stay during the fall and winter.

The Builders' League of Denny-Street Methodist church will meet next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Mrs. E. H. McDonough's, Louisiana street.

The other plant, which is being erected a short distance below Fulton, is rapidly nearing completion, and in a month or two will be in operation.

Mrs. O'Neill, widow of the late Philip O'Neill, will break ground next week for the erection of a handsome brick store and dwelling at the northeast corner of Seventh and Louisiana streets.

Mr. E. L. Powell, of Engine Company No. 8, who has been quite sick, is again at his post.

Mrs. James B. Vaughan, who has been ill, is much improved.

Mrs. Eliza Harvey, who is over eighty years old, has been quite sick at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Enright, of

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